GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPORTS LAW
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any integrated sports law is in vogue in the country;

(b) if not, whether the Government has taken any initiative to enact a sports law; and

(c) the difficulties being encountered in the field of sports at the national and international level due to the absence of such a law and the steps proposed to be taken to rectify the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) In absence of a sports law, a number of difficulties are being faced such as inadequate representation of athletes in the management of the NSFs, complaints of irregularities in the elections to the management, delay in settlement of disputes relating to NSFs, etc.

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has formulated a draft National Sports Development Bill and placed it in the public domain seeking views of the stakeholders.

Government is also aware that a law is essential to prevent and deal with the growing menace of match−fixing/ spot−fixing and other unethical practices which in turn, will lead to promotion and development of sports in the country. Government has, therefore, framed the 'Prevention of Sporting Fraud Bill' and sought the views of the stakeholders.

Further consultations are necessary on both the Bills.